

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, immediately following the title, please insert the following:

This is the U.S. national phase of International Application No.

PCT/EP03/01973 filed February 26, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

On page 1, after the title please insert headings as follows:

**BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**Field of the Disclosure**

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 has been changed as follows:

The invention disclosure relates to a ligament-tensioning device with a cutting jig for joints of the human or animal body, and to a procedure for the osteotomy of these joints using the disclosed ligament-tensioning device with cutting jig according to the invention.

On page 1, line 9 please insert a heading as follows:

**Related Technology**

The paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 15 have been changed as follows:

Accordingly, the object on which the invention is based is to provide disclosure provides a ligament-tensioning device and a procedure for tensioning with a parallel spreading movement the capsule ligament structures of a joint to be provided with a prosthesis and at the same time enabling presettable, adjustable and

checkable cutting when preparing for and carrying out the cuts required for providing a joint with a prosthesis.

~~The object is achieved with regard to the ligament tensioning device by the features of Claim 1 and with regard to the procedure by the features of Claim 20.~~

~~Further advantageous refinements of the invention are characterised in the subclaims.~~

On page 2, line 30 please insert headings and paragraphs as follows:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The disclosure is explained in more detail below with the aid of, in part, schematic illustrations of the preparation for providing a human knee joint with a prosthesis.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1A shows a schematic, perspective view of a ligament-tensioning device with a cutting jig constructed in accordance with the disclosure.

Fig. 1B shows an enlarged illustration of the cutting jig illustrated in Fig. 1A,

Figs. 2A-J show schematic, perspective illustrations of a distal femur osteotomy using the cutting jig according to the disclosure,

Figs. 3A-F show schematic, perspective illustrations of a dorsal femur osteotomy using the cutting jig according to the disclosure, and

Figs. 4A-J show schematic, perspective illustrations of femoral oblique cuts using the cutting jig according to the disclosure.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The paragraphs beginning on page 3 line 23 have been deleted as follows:

~~The invention is explained in more detail below with the aid of, in part, schematic illustrations of the preparation for providing a human knee joint with a prosthesis.~~

In the illustrations:

~~Fig. 1A shows a schematic, perspective view of a ligament tensioning device with a cutting jig constructed in accordance with the invention,~~

~~Fig. 1B shows an enlarged illustration of the cutting jig illustrated in Fig. 1A,~~

~~Figs. 2A J show schematic, perspective illustrations of a distal femur osteotomy using the cutting jig according to the invention,~~

~~Figs. 3A F show schematic, perspective illustrations of a dorsal femur osteotomy using the cutting jig according to the invention, and~~

~~Figs. 4A J show schematic, perspective illustrations of femoral oblique cuts using the cutting jig according to the invention.~~

The paragraph beginning on page 14, line 12 has been changed as follows:

The invention disclosure is not restricted to the exemplary embodiment illustrated and [- as already mentioned -] can also be employed for bilateral implants in the knee joint. The basic principle of providing mounts for a cutting jig on a suitably adapted ligament-tensioning device can also be applied to other joints.